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In Memoriam: Bea de Smet

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With deep sorrow, we have to report the death of Bea De Smet on June 18, 1998 as the result of a car accident. Many scientists, all over the world, knew Bea from her constructive and enthusiastic work in the LCA community. Working on Product Development for Procter & Gamble, she recognized early on the value of this methodology in the design of new products. She took the initiative to organize an LCA workshop for the environmental assessment of packaging, held in Leuven, Belgium, September 1990. When SETAC became active in LCA, she contributed to the Sesimbra workshop in 1993 that produced the direction setting publication *Guidelines for Life-Cycle Assessment: A "Code of Practice"*. Other events to which she contributed included a workshop in Potsdam, June 1992 and the Life-Cycle Assessment Data Quality workshop (Wintergreen,



October 1992). She contributed much to the productivity of SETAC as member of its LCA Steering Committee by her unique combination of enthusiastic drive and positive, friendly character.

Bea also made a major contribution to corporate environmental reporting, editing the first European Report of P&G in 1992 and the following year the first global report. She carried the concept of life cycle thinking into this broader area.

Bea will be missed by the many friends who both liked and respected her for her energy, her productivity and, in particular, her sense of humour. She will be missed – most of all – by her husband and her two young children. We wish them much strength in this difficult time. Many share their sorrow; she will live on in our memories and hearts.